

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PANAMA 01034 112018Z

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ARAE-00 SY-05 SSO-00 NSCE-00 SCS-03

SCA-01 DHA-02 L-03 H-01 SAB-01 SS-15 NSC-05 SIL-01

LAB-04 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 AID-05 PRS-01 USIE-00

INRE-00 /065 W

-----112023Z 012844 /44

O R 111935Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 705

INFO PANCANAL

USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PANAMA 1034

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, PN (DRUMMOND, WILLIAL)

SUBJECT: DETENTION AND RELEASE OF WILLIAM DRUMMOND

1. FOLLOWING IS APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS OCCURRING
MORNING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1977, IN CONNECTION WITH
DETENTION AND RELEASE OF WILLIAM DRUMMOND.

2. DRUMMOND ARRIVED AT TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT
APPROXIMATELY 0830, INTENDING TO BOARD FLIGHT TO US AT 0915.
AFTER CHECKING IN, DRUMMOND PROCEEDED TO BOARDING AREA.
MRS. DRUMMOND, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO AIRPORT, NOTICED THAT
HE HAD NOT BOARDED PLANE AND WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE HIS
WHEREABOUTS, BUT OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION INDICATING HE HAD
BEEN DETAINED BY NATIONAL GUARD. ANOTHER PANCANAL OFFICIAL,
ALSO AT AIRPORT, SAW DRUMMOND BEING ESCORTED OUT BY TWO MEN,
ONE OF WHOM HE RECOGNIZED AS CHIEF OF AIRPORT SECURITY. THIS
OFFICIAL AND MRS. DRUMMOND BOTH INFORMED PANCANAL
AUTHORITIES OF DRUMMOND'S DETENTION.

3. REMAINING EVENTS KNOWN TO EMBASSY IN SEQUENCE:

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PANAMA 01034 112018Z

0940 EMBASSY (DCM) ADVISED OF DRUMMOND'S DETENTION BY CANAL ZONE
LT. GOV. HUNT. COL. HUNT STATED THAT CANAL ZONE POLICE
LIAISON WORKING ON MATTER AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE NOT
REQUESTED AT MOMENT.

1040 DEPT (BECKER, ARA/PAN) ADVISED OF STATUS BY PHONE.

1040 EMBASSY (TUELLER, CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION) REQUESTED BY
PANCANAL DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEFFREY TO MAKE
INQUIRIES ON DRUMMOND DETENTION. TUELLER TELEPHONED
TOCUMENT AIRPORT SECURITY.

1045 EMBASSY MILGROUP COMMANDER (COL. CORONEOS) TELEPHONED COL.
MOREIGA, G-2 (INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY), NATIONAL GUARD
GENERAL STAFF. NORIEGA STATES THAT DRUMMOND NOT UNDER
ARREST AND WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED--HE HAD BEEN DETAINED
IN CONNECTION WITH ERROR IN FILLING OUT A FORM AND WAS
BEING RELEASED.

1045 IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, TUELLER TELEPHONES MOREIGA AND IS
TOLF APPROXIMATELY SAME THING. MOREIGA SAID DRUMMOND
DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING IN ANOTHER MATTER, AND WOULD BE
RELEASED THEREAFTER.

1055 DEPT (BECKER) ADVISED OF STATUS BY PHONE.

1110 (APPROXIMATE) EMBASSY LEARNED THAT MOREIGA HAD TELEPHONED
CANAL ZONE POLICE CHIEF TO REQUEST THAT CANAL ZONE POLICE
OFFICER BE PRESENT AT DRUMMOND'S INTERROGATION--BALBOA
DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (MAJ. GORDON) SENT. UNCLEAR TO US
AT THIS TIME WHETHER THIS CALL CAME PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT TO
MOREIGA CONVERSATIONS WITH CORONEOS AND TUELLER.

1115 AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED AMB. BUNKER.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PANAMA 01034 112018Z

1130 AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED PRESIDENT LAKAS.

1140 PRESIDENT LAKAS TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR. UPON CALLING G-2,
LAKAS WAS ADVISED THAT DRUMMOND WAS IN CUSTODY WITH GORDON
PRESENT, AND THAT IF LAKAS SO DESIRED, DRUMMOND COULD BE
RELEASED TO GORDON. LAKAS SAID HE HAD REQUESTED THAT THIS
BE DONE AT ONCE.

1210 DCM TALKING ON TELEPHONE TO MRS. DRUMMOND WHEN DRUMMOND
ARRIVED AT HIS HOME IN CANAL ZONE. DVM SPOKE WITH
DRUMMOND.

1220 DEPT (BECKER) ADVISED DRUMMOND AT LIBERTY.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, DRUMMOND STATED THAT HE WAS NOT
ADVISED BY G-2 OFFICIALS OF REASON FOR HIS DETENTION. HE WAS
INTERROGATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL MIRANDA PERSONALLY. HE STATED
HE WAS QUESTIONED, INTER ALIA, ABOUT OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING
INCIDENTS IN CANAL ZONE (ONE OF WHICH OCCURRED JUST OUTSIDE HIS

HOME).

5. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ABOUT 1200 FROM ALFRED GRAHAM, PRESIDENT OF CANAL ZONE CENTRAL LABOR UNION-METAL TRADES COUNCIL. GRAHAM NOTED THAT DRUMMOND WAS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF CLU-MTC, AND HAD BEEN PREPARING TO TRAVEL TO US ON UNION BUSINESS. TORRIJOS HAD MET WITH CANAL ZONE LABOR LEADERS LAST MONDAY, AND HAD FORMED A COMMISSION FOR DIALOG WITH THEM. GRAHAM SAID THAT WHILE CLU-MTC HAD BEEN PREPARED TO LISTEN TO WHATEVER GOP OFFICIALS MIGHT HAVE TO SAY TO THEM, HE WANTED EMBASSY TO KNOW--AND TO BE SURE THAT INTERESTED GOP OFFICIALS KNEW--THAT IF DRUMMOND OR ANY OTHER CANAL ZONE LABOR LEADER WERE DETAINED OR HARASSED IN THIS FASHION AGAIN, CLU-MTC WOULD REFUSE TO HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH TORRIJOS OR GOP OFFICIALS.

6. FOREGOING PREPARED BASED UPON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 PANAMA 01034 112018Z

EMBASSY AS OF 1330 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11. IF FURTHER INFORMATION REVEALS ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DETAIL OR ALTERS ANY OF FOREGOING, ANOTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

JORDEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRISONERS RELEASE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decapton Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PANAMA01034
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770050-0072
Format: TEL
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770249/aaaabrtb.tel
Line Count: 143
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6ddff5c7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3339486
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DETENTION AND RELEASE OF WILLIAM DRUMMOND
TAGS: CASC, PFOR, PN, (DRUMMOND, WILLIAM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6ddff5c7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009